

STATUS OF CLAIMS - NO AMENDMENTS MADE
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Claims 1-12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (previously presented)

13. An emulsifier-free cosmetic or dermatological preparation, which preparation is a finely dispersed water-in-oil system, said preparation comprising
- a) an oil phase;
 - b) an aqueous phase; and
 - c) micronized, inorganic pigment particles positioned at an interface of said oil phase and said aqueous phase, said micronized, inorganic pigment particles being metal oxides which:
 - i) have an average particle size of less than 200 nm;
 - ii) have both hydrophilic and lipophilic properties resulting in an amphiphilic character; and
 - d) optionally cosmetic or pharmaceutical auxiliaries, additives and/or active substances.

Claim 14 (previously amended)

14. Preparation according to claim 13, wherein the content of the metal oxides used is between 0.1% by weight and 30% by weight, based on the total weight of the preparation.

Claim 15 (previously presented)

15. Preparation according to claim 13, wherein the particle diameter of the metal oxides used is between 5 nm and 100 nm.

Claim 16 (previously presented)

16. Preparation according to claim 13, wherein the metal oxides used are titanium dioxide and/or zinc oxide.

Claim 17 (previously presented)

17. Preparation according to claim 13, wherein one of the metal oxides used is talc.

Claim 18 (previously presented)

18. Preparation according to claim 13, wherein the metal oxides used have been surface-treated to

repel water, the amphiphilic character of the pigment being formed or retained.

Claim 19 (previously presented)

19. Preparation according to claim 13, wherein the metal oxides used are titanium dioxide particles coated with simethicone and alumina.

Claim 20 (previously presented)

20. Preparation according to claim 13, wherein other metal oxides are present in addition to the amphiphilic metal oxides.

Claim 21 (previously presented)

21. Preparation according to claim 13, comprising one or more additives or active substances selected from the group consisting of antioxidants and/or UV protectants.

Claim 22 (previously presented)

22. Preparation according to claim 13, comprising one or more additives or active substances selected from the group consisting of astringents and/or antimicrobial substances.

Claim 23 (previously presented)

23. A process for preparation the emulsifier-free cosmetic or dermatological preparation of claim 13, said process comprising:
- a) dispersing an amphiphilic inorganic pigment particles of claim 13 in an oil phase to form a mixture of said micronized inorganic pigment particles and said oil phase, said oil phase optionally comprising one or more cosmetic or pharmaceutical auxiliaries, additives and/or active ingredients;
 - b) homogenizing said mixture by uniform stirring and, optionally, heating; and
 - c) during said homogenizing, mixing an aqueous phase with said mixture, said aqueous phase also optionally comprising one or more cosmetic or pharmaceutical auxiliaries, additives and/or active ingredients.

Claim 24 (previously presented)

24. A method of providing skin care, said method comprising applying to the skin a preparation according to any one of claims 13-22.